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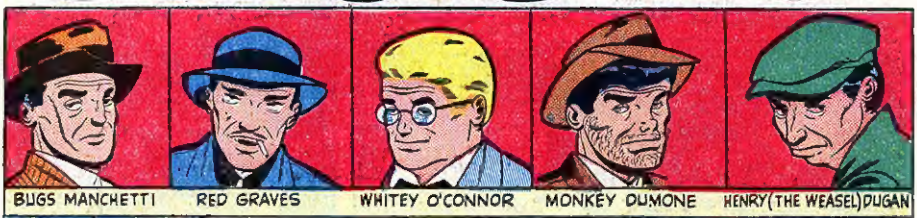

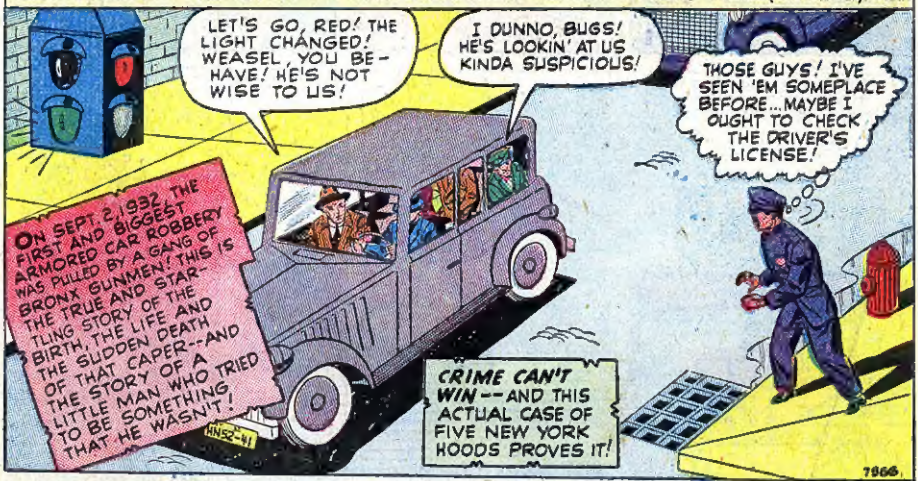
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I DUNNO, BUGS! HE'S LOOKIN' AT US KINDA SUSPICIOUS!
THOSE GUYS! I'VE SEEN 'EM SOMEPLACE BEFORE... MAYBE I OUGHT TO CHECK THE DRIVER'S LICENSE!
ON SEPT. 2, 1932 THE FIRST AND BIGGEST ARMORED CAR ROBBERY WAS PULLED BY A GANG OF BRONX GUNMEN! THIS IS THE TRUE AND STARTLING STORY OF THE BIRTH, THE LIFE AND THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THAT CAPER--AND THE STORY OF A LITTLE MAN WHO TRIED TO BE SOMETHING THAT HE WASN'T!
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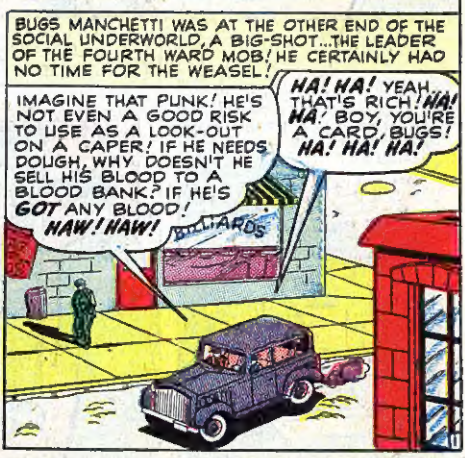
HENRY DUGAN WAS KNOWN TO THE POLICE AND THE UNDERWORLD BY A NAME MORE APPROPRIATE TO HIS FACE AND HIS NATURE... THE WEASEL! IN THE CRIME WORLD OF 1932 HE WAS A PARASITE, HANGING ON TO THE FRINGES OF THE BIG MOBS, GRATEFUL FOR ANY LEAVINGS FROM THE TABLE OF CRIME! IN SHORT, THE WEASEL WAS A TOTAL LOSS!
HELLO, MR. MANCHETTI! SAY, MR. MANCHETTI, CAN YOU STAKE ME FOR A COUPLE OF BUCKS?
BLOW, WEASEL! BUGS MANCHETTI AIN'T GOT TIME TO LISTEN TO YOU!


BUGS MANCHETTI WAS AT THE OTHER END OF THE SOCIAL UNDERWORLD, A BIG-SHOT...THE LEADER OF THE FOURTH WARD MOB! HE CERTAINLY HAD NO TIME FOR THE WEASEL!
IMAGINE THAT PUNK! HE'S NOT EVEN A GOOD RISK TO USE AS A LOOK-OUT ON A CAPER! IF HE NEEDS DOUGH, WHY DOESN'T HE SELL HIS BLOOD TO A BLOOD BANK? IF HE'S GOT ANY BLOOD! HAW! HAW!
HA! HA! YEAH, THAT'S RICH! HA! HA! BOY, YOU'RE A CARD, BUGS! HA! HA! HA!
BILLIARDS

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
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THE WEASEL TOOK THE SNUB WITHOUT ANY RESENTMENT! AFTER ALL, HE WAS USED TO IT! HE TRIED ANOTHER ANGLE... IT WAS A HOT JULY DAY, SO HE WENT TO ORCHARD BEACH IN THE BRONX! SOMETIMES PEOPLE DROPPED MONEY IN THE SAND... CARELESS PEOPLE! HE GOT OFF THE SUBWAY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY... JUST TO WALK AND TRY TO PICK UP ANY STRAY IDEAS! YES, THE WEASEL WAS A VERY AMBITIOUS PERSON!

THERE'S A GUY WHO SHOULD HAVE DOUGH! WISH I KNEW HOW TO PICK POCKETS!

BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO PICK POCKETS! HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING... EXCEPT WISH AND HOPE! SOMETIMES HIS WISHES GOT TOO BIG, EVEN FOR HIM!

BROTHER! AN ARMORED TRUCK! IMAGINE ALL THE DOUGH THAT'S IN THERE! MUST BE AT LEAST A HALF MILLION! WISH I COULD PULL A CAPER ON THAT!

BUT IT'S TOUGH TO HEIST ONE! THOSE GUARDS GOT GATS AND THEY'RE TOUGH! AND THEY TAKE NO CHANCES! THEY WATCH EVERYTHING, ALL THE TIME! NOBODY'S EVER BUSTED UP ONE OF THOSE TRUCKS YET! IT JUST CAN'T BE DONE! HEY, IT'S STOPPING AT THAT FRUIT COMPANY!

ACE HIGH FRUIT CO.

OFFICE

THE WEASEL, FASCINATED BY THE MERE THOUGHT OF ALL THAT MONEY, IDLY STOPPED TO WATCH THE TRUCK WHICH WAS MAKING A PICK-UP AT THE ACE HIGH FRUIT CO! THERE WERE THREE GUARDS ON THE JOB... ONE WAS THE DRIVER, WHO STAYED AT THE WHEEL... THE OTHER TWO CAME OUT OF THE INSIDE, ONE GUARDING, WHILE THE OTHER WENT INSIDE THE OFFICE FOR THE MONEY! THEY WORKED WITH MACHINE-LIKE PRECISION!

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THERE WERE A LOT OF PEDDLERS AROUND THE LOADING PLATFORM WAITING TO PICK UP THEIR FRUIT... THEY PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE TRUCK BUT WERE WATCHED CAREFULLY BY THE ALERT GUARDS...

GUARD

LOOK AT THAT! EVERY SECOND THOSE GUARDS ARE READY TO SHOOT! NOPE! NOBODY COULD PULL A CAPER ON THEM! WOW! HERE COMES THE GUY WITH ALL THAT DOUGH!

THE GUARD AT THE TRUCK OPENED THE DOOR FOR THE MONEY CARRIER WHO ENTERED SWIFTLY! THE WEASEL'S ALERT SENSES SUDDENLY TINGLED!

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THE TRUCK SPED AWAY BUT THE WEASEL'S HEART WAS POUNDING MADLY! ***HE HAD SPOTTED A FLAW IN THE GUARDS' SETUP!***

H--H--HOLY SMOKE! THEY LEFT THEMSELVES WIDE OPEN! I SAW IT! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

EXCITED OVER THE ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY, THE WEASEL FORGOT ABOUT GOING TO THE BEACH! HE WENT HOME TO THINK ABOUT THE PLAN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! BUT I SAW IT! WOW! ALL THAT DOUGH AND IT CAN BE TAKEN! IT CAN BE MINE! TAKE IT EASY, WEASEL! DON'T GET EXCITED! THINK IT OVER! GO BACK AND CHECK IT AGAIN! YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL!

THIS WAS ON A THURSDAY! A WEEK LATER, ON THE NEXT THURSDAY, THE WEASEL RETURNED TO THE FRUIT HOUSE!

THERE! THEY DID IT AGAIN! THEY MUST DO IT ALL THE TIME THIS WAY!

ARMORED CAR SERVICE

IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY SPOT THIS SETUP BEFORE? IT TOOK *ME* TO DO IT! I AIN'T SO DUMB! THIS MAKES ME AS GOOD A BIG-SHOT AS BUGS! IF I PULL THIS CAPER, HE'D BE WORKING FOR ME! BUT I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT HELP! IT'S TOO BIG FOR ONE MAN!

FOR FIVE THURSDAYS IN A ROW, THE WEASEL WENT BACK TO STUDY THE SITUATION! IT NEVER CHANGED! THE FLAW WAS ALWAYS THERE! FOR ONE MOMENT--AND ONE MOMENT ONLY--THE GUARDS LEFT THEMSELVES VULNERABLE TO ATTACK! HE WAS OVERWHELMED! THE POSSIBILITIES ALMOST DROVE HIM CRAZY! ALL THAT MONEY... POSSIBLY A HALF MILLION--PICK-UPS FROM BANKS, STORES, FACTORIES... AND IT COULD BE HIS!

I GOTTA GET SOMEBODY TO HELP ME! BUGS COULD DO IT! IF I LET HIM IN ON THIS THING WITH ME, HE'LL KNOW THAT I'M NOT SMALL TIME! YEAH! I'LL SHOW HIM I'M AS SMART AS HIM!

BILLIARDS

BEAT IT, WEASEL! GO LOOK FOR A HANDOUT SOMEPLACE ELSE!

I DON'T WANT A HANDOUT! I GOT A PROPOSITION FOR BUGS!

OKAY! LET'S HEAR IT! IF IT'S ANY GOOD I'LL TOSS YOU A FIVE-SPOT! LET'S GO IN THE BACK ROOM, PUNK!

...AND THE WEAK SPOT IN THE SETUP, BUGS, IS THAT WHEN THE GUY OPENS THE DOOR FOR THE GUARD WITH THE DOUGH, BOTH OF 'EM TAKE THEIR EYES OFF THE OUTSIDE! THEY COULD BE JUMPED THEN, BUGS, BELIEVE ME!

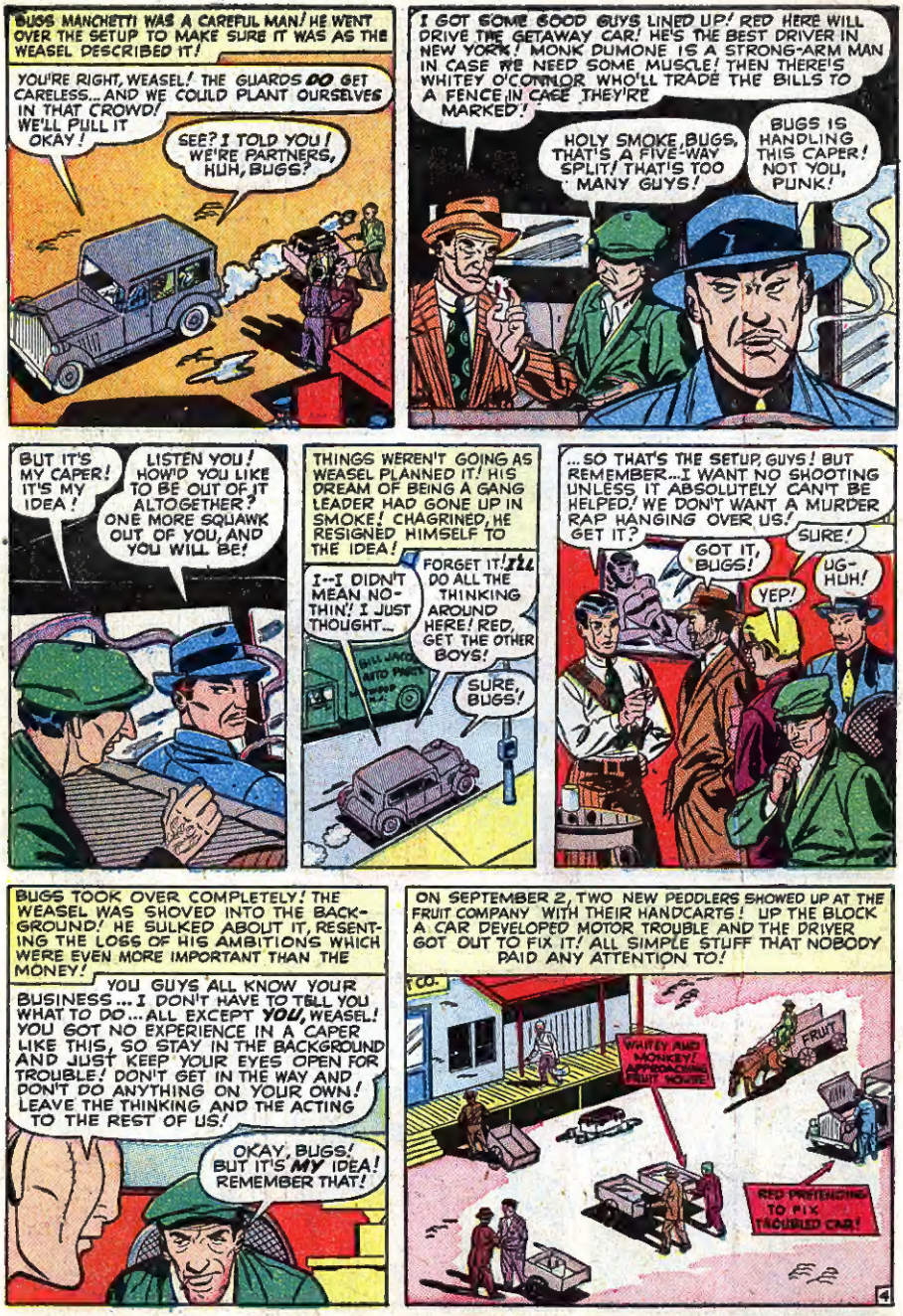
YOU SAY THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME, HUH?

EVERY THURSDAY, BUGS, LIKE CLOCK WORK! FURTHERMORE, THE JOINT IS PACKED WITH MEN WAITING FOR THEIR FRUIT! WE COULD MIX WITH 'EM EASY AS PIE!

YEAH! YEAH! I GOT IT! IT LOOKS GOOD, WEASEL! YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE!

IT'S A BIG JOB, WEASEL! WE GOTTA GET SOME MORE GUYS IN IT... SPECIALISTS! WE CAN'T MUFF THIS UP!

ANYTHING YOU SAY, BUGS! BUT REMEMBER THIS IS MY CAPER! IT WAS MY IDEA!


BUGS MANCHETTI WAS A CAREFUL MAN! HE WENT OVER THE SETUP TO MAKE SURE IT WAS AS THE WEASEL DESCRIBED IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, WEASEL! THE GUARDS DO GET CARELESS... AND WE COULD PLANT OURSELVES IN THAT CROWD! WE'LL PULL IT OKAY!
SEE? I TOLD YOU! WE'RE PARTNERS, HUH, BUGS?
I GOT SOME GOOD GUYS LINED UP! RED HERE WILL DRIVE THE GETAWAY CAR! HE'S THE BEST DRIVER IN NEW YORK! MONK DUMONE IS A STRONG-ARM MAN IN CASE WE NEED SOME MUSCLE! THEN THERE'S WHITEY O'CONNOR WHO'LL TRADE THE BILLS TO A FENCE IN CASE THEY'RE MARKED!
HOLY SMOKE, BUGS, THAT'S A FIVE-WAY SPLIT! THAT'S TOO MANY GUYS!
BUGS IS HANDLING THIS CAPER! NOT YOU, PUNK!
BUT IT'S MY CAPER! IT'S MY IDEA!
LISTEN YOU! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE OUT OF IT ALTOGETHER? ONE MORE SQUAWK OUT OF YOU, AND YOU WILL BE!
THINGS WEREN'T GOING AS WEASEL PLANNED IT! HIS DREAM OF BEING A GANG LEADER HAD GONE UP IN SMOKE! CHAGRINED, HE RESIGNED HIMSELF TO THE IDEA!
I--I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'! I JUST THOUGHT...
FORGET IT! I'LL DO ALL THE THINKING AROUND HERE! RED, GET THE OTHER BOYS!
SURE, BUGS!
...SO THAT'S THE SETUP, GUYS! BUT REMEMBER...I WANT NO SHOOTING UNLESS IT ABSOLUTELY CAN'T BE HELPED! WE DON'T WANT A MURDER RAP HANGING OVER US! GET IT?
GOT IT, BUGS!
SURE!
UG-HUH!
YEP!
BUGS TOOK OVER COMPLETELY! THE WEASEL WAS SHOVED INTO THE BACKGROUND! HE SULKED ABOUT IT, RESENTING THE LOSS OF HIS AMBITIONS WHICH WERE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MONEY!
YOU GUYS ALL KNOW YOUR BUSINESS... I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO... ALL EXCEPT YOU, WEASEL! YOU GOT NO EXPERIENCE IN A CAPER LIKE THIS, SO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND AND JUST KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR TROUBLE! DON'T GET IN THE WAY AND DON'T DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN! LEAVE THE THINKING AND THE ACTING TO THE REST OF US!
OKAY, BUGS! BUT IT'S MY IDEA! REMEMBER THAT!
ON SEPTEMBER 2, TWO NEW PEDDLERS SHOWED UP AT THE FRUIT COMPANY WITH THEIR HANDCARTS! UP THE BLOCK A CAR DEVELOPED MOTOR TROUBLE AND THE DRIVER GOT OUT TO FIX IT! ALL SIMPLE STUFF THAT NOBODY PAID ANY ATTENTION TO!
WHITEY AND MONKEY! APPROACHING FRUIT HOUSE
FRUIT
RED PRETENDING TO FIX TROUBLED CAR!
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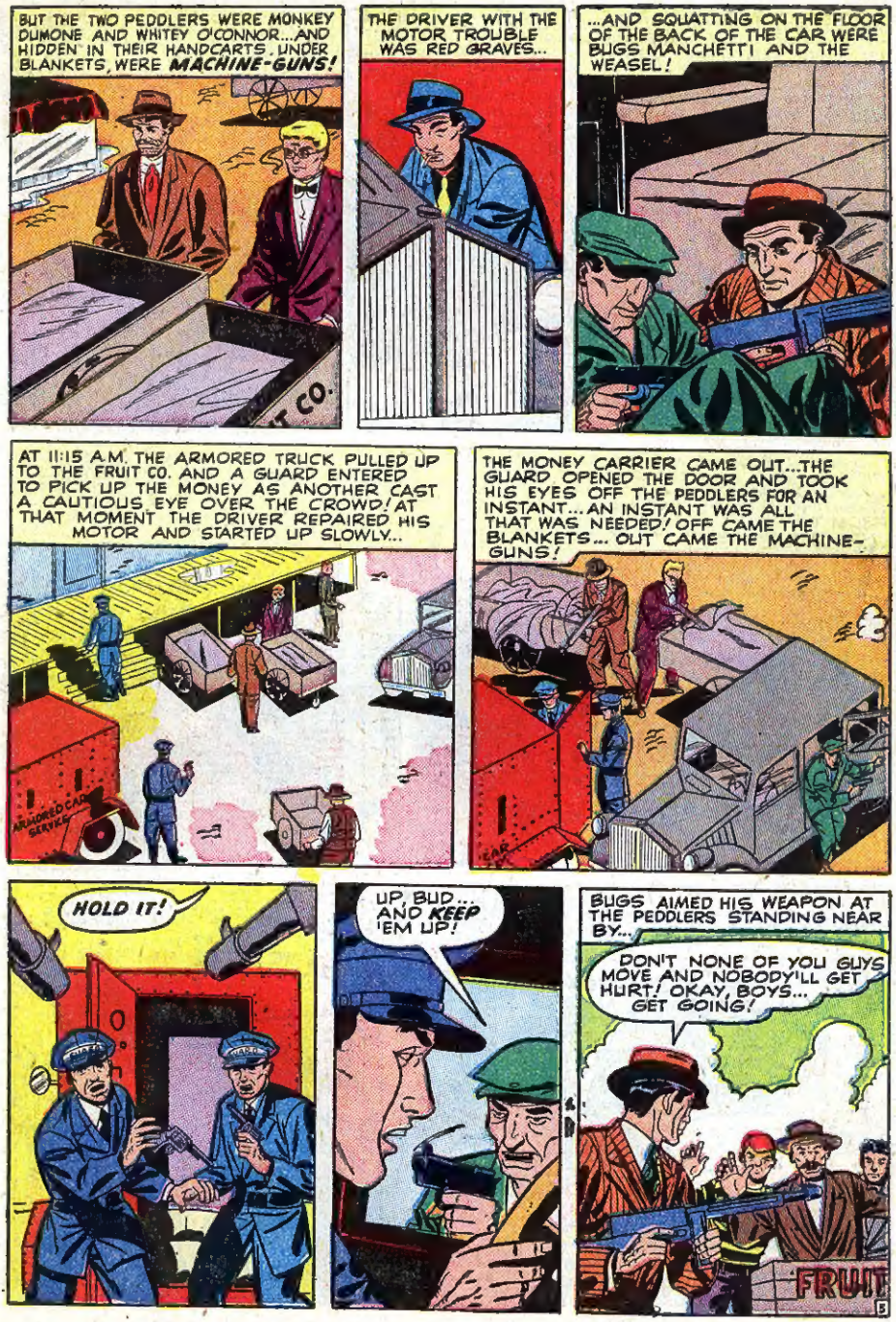
BUT THE TWO PEDDLERS WERE MONKEY DUMONE AND WHITEY O'CONNOR...AND HIDDEN IN THEIR HANDCARTS, UNDER BLANKETS, WERE MACHINE-GUNS!
THE DRIVER WITH THE MOTOR TROUBLE WAS RED GRAVES...
...AND SQUATTING ON THE FLOOR OF THE BACK OF THE CAR WERE BUGS MANCHETTI AND THE WEASEL!
AT 11:15 A.M. THE ARMORED TRUCK PULLED UP TO THE FRUIT CO. AND A GUARD ENTERED TO PICK UP THE MONEY AS ANOTHER CAST A CAUTIOUS EYE OVER THE CROWD! AT THAT MOMENT THE DRIVER REPAIRED HIS MOTOR AND STARTED UP SLOWLY...
ARMORED CAR SERVICE
THE MONEY CARRIER CAME OUT...THE GUARD OPENED THE DOOR AND TOOK HIS EYES OFF THE PEDDLERS FOR AN INSTANT...AN INSTANT WAS ALL THAT WAS NEEDED! OFF CAME THE BLANKETS... OUT CAME THE MACHINE-GUNS!
HOLD IT!
UP, BUD... AND KEEP 'EM UP!
BUGS AIMED HIS WEAPON AT THE PEDDLERS STANDING NEAR BY...
DON'T NONE OF YOU GUYS MOVE AND NOBODY'LL GET HURT! OKAY, BOYS... GET GOING!
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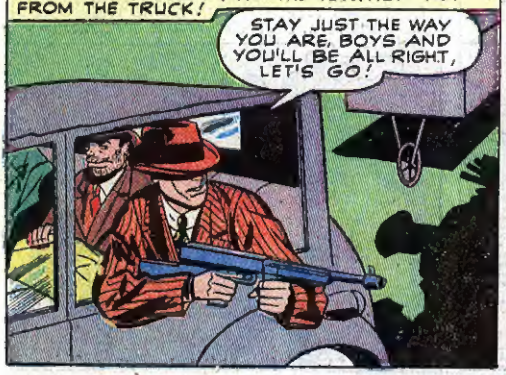
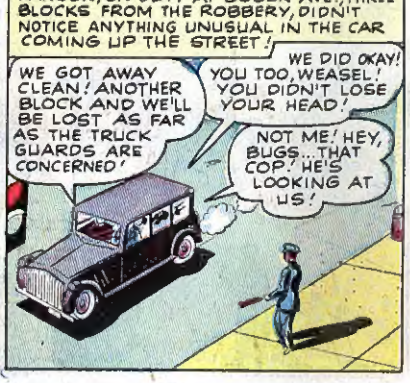
THE PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY! WHITEY UNLOADED THE MONEY INTO THE CAR WHILE MONKEY KEPT HIS GUN ON THE GUARDS! THE WEASEL MADE SURE OF THE DRIVER! BUGS CONTROLLED THE ASTONISHED PEDDLERS AND RED STAYED AT THE WHEEL OF THE CAR, WATCHING THE STREET AND KEEPING THE MOTOR RUNNING! THEY HAD WORKED SO SWIFTLY AND SO PERFECTLY THAT THE CAREFUL PLANNING WAS PAYING OFF!

WHILE THE OTHERS WORKED COLDLY AND CALMLY, THE WEASEL TINGLED WITH EXCITEMENT! HE, THE LITTLE PUNK, HAD A GAT IN HIS HAND AND WAS COVERING A GUARD! HE FELT TOUGH, POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT!

THE JOB WAS DONE! ALL THE BAGS OF MONEY WERE DUMPED INTO THE CAR AND THE MEN JUMPED IN AFTER TAKING AWAY THE GUNS FROM THE GUARDS AND THE IGNITION KEY FROM THE TRUCK!



RED DROVE QUICKLY, BUT CAUTIOUSLY, NOT FAST ENOUGH TO AROUSE SUSPICION, BUT SKILLFULLY! OFFICER PETER HANSON, ON DUTY AT BOGUN AVE., THREE BLOCKS FROM THE ROBBERY, DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN THE CAR COMING UP THE STREET!


WE GOT AWAY CLEAN! ANOTHER BLOCK AND WE'LL BE LOST AS FAR AS THE TRUCK GUARDS ARE CONCERNED!
WE DID OKAY! YOU TOO, WEASEL! YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!
NOT ME! HEY, BUGS.. THAT COP! HE'S LOOKING AT US!

SO WHAT? COPS LOOK AT EVERYBODY! FORGET IT!
NO! HE'S WISE TO US, I TELL YOU! HE'S SPOTTED US-- HE'S GONNA SPOIL MY CAPER! HE'S GETTING READY TO JUMP US!
THERE'S A LIGHT! I GOTTA STOP!

LET'S GO, RED! THE LIGHT CHANGED! WEASEL, YOU BEHAVE! HE'S NOT WISE TO US!
I TELL YA HE'S WISE TO US... HE'LL START SHOOTING AS SOON AS WE START UP!
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FLUSHED WITH THE POWER HIS GUN GAVE HIM, THINKING HIMSELF A GANGSTER BIG-SHOT, THE WEASEL MADE A FATAL MISSTEP!
WEASEL! YOU STUPID LUG!
SHUT UP, BUGS! THIS IS MY CAPER!
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE THE WEASEL FIRED A GUN! OFFICER HANSON, THOUGH STARTLED BY THE SHOT, WHIPPED OUT HIS PISTOL AND FIRED, MUCH MORE ACCURATELY! RED GRAVES DIED AT THE WHEEL!
YOU FOOL! YOU STUPID FOOL!
THE CAR, DRIVERLESS, CRASHED INTO A LAMP POLE, AS HANSON, STILL POURED BULLETS INTO IT! THIS WAS NO TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
CRASH!
OTHER POLICEMEN WERE ON THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY! OUT OF THE WRECKAGE CRAWLED THE ONLY SURVIVORS, BUGS AND THE WEASEL!
ALL... RIGHT! WE GIVE UP! DON'T SHOOT!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO? WHY'D YOU TAKE A SHOT AT ME?
HEY, PETE-- LOOK AT THIS--THIS CAR'S PILED WITH BAGS OF MONEY! THESE MUGS JUST PULLED A HOLD!UP!
AND WE WERE GETTING AWAY WITH IT, TOO! UNTIL THIS MUG GOT TRIGGER-HAPPY!
IT WAS MY CAPER!! I HAD TO MAKE SURE IT WENT OFF ALL RIGHT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA PLUG US!
I DIDN'T EVEN SPOT YOU TILL YOU TOOK A SHOT AT ME!
I TOLD YOU! I TOLD YOU WE HAD TOO MANY GUYS IN ON THIS
YOU SAID IT--WE HAD ONE TOO MANY! BUT THAT ONE WAS YOU, WEASEL!
POLICE WAGON
SENTENCED TO SING SING FOR THIRTY YEARS, BUGS AND THE WEASEL ARE STILL SERVING TIME! BUT THE WEASEL NO LONGER DREAMS OF BEING A BIG-SHOT! BY THE TIME HE GETS OUT HE'LL BE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OLD! DREAMS DON'T LAST THAT LONG! A BIG PRICE TO PAY FOR A CRIME!
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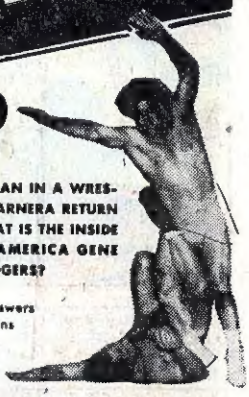

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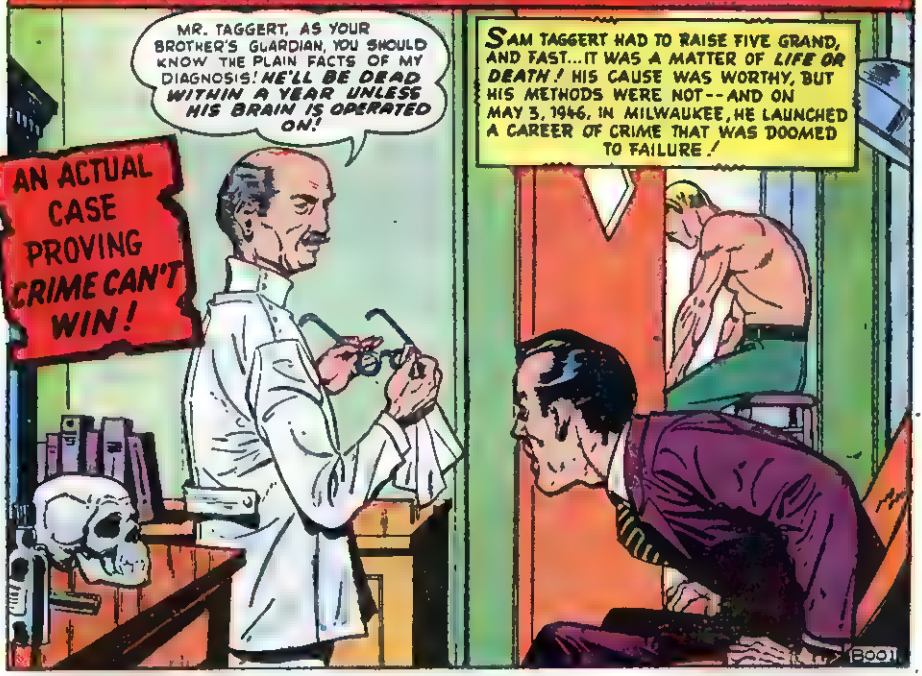
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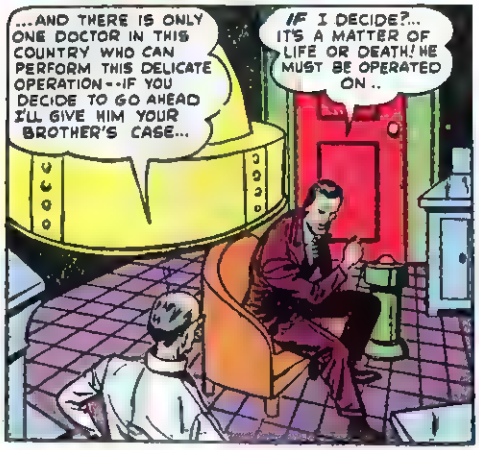
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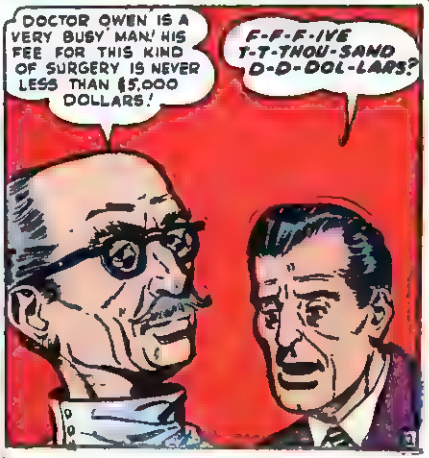
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C'MON, MISTER, FORK IT OVER--IT'S FOR A WORTHY CAUSE...YOU'LL NEVER MISS THIS!
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LATER...
HEY...I'M THE BOY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON A BINGE... WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' OUT SO LATE?
...ER...JUST OUT FOR A BREATH OF AIR... GAY!...WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
WHAT'S EATIN' YOU, SAM? SOMEBODY'D THINK IT WAS YOUR DAYS THAT WERE NUMBERED INSTEAD OF MINE!
OKAY! OKAY!
MY DAYS COULD BE NUMBERED IF I SLIP UP!
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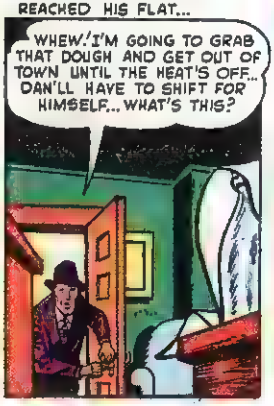
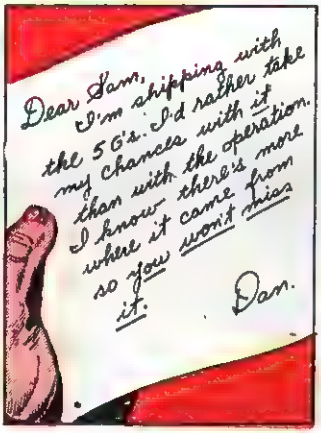
SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, AFTER HAVING "CASED" A NEIGHBORHOOD LOAN OFFICE...
I'LL TAKE AS MUCH AS I CAN SAFELY CARRY...BETTER GET OUT BEFORE I TRIP THE ALARM...THEY'LL NEVER MISS THIS! PLACES LIKE THIS CARRY PLENTY OF INSURANCE ANYWAY!
TWO THOUSAND... FIVE...TEN...TWENTY... UH! WHO'S THERE? OH IT'S YOU! DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN KNOCKING BEFORE YOU COME IN? GET OUT!
SINCE WHEN DO I HAVE TO KNOCK... WHAT'S ALL THAT? SAY, ARE YOU HOLDING OUT ON YOUR KID BROTHER?
DON'T TELL ME YOU SAVED THAT PILE! WORKING AT THAT CRUMBY BANK FOR FORTY A WEEK!
HOW CAN I EVER BE SATISFIED WITH JUST A JOB AFTER ALL THIS...IT'S BEEN TOO EASY...I NEVER MADE THIS MUCH IN A WHOLE YEAR ON MY JOB...
THE NEXT TIME IT WAS A FILLING STATION...
STAND BACK FROM THE TILL, MAC...YOU WON'T MISS IT!
IT'S MY WHOLE WEEKS RECEIPTS -- HOW'LL I PAY MY RENT?
AT THIS STAGE THE LOCAL POLICE HAD BECOME AROUSED AT THIS INEXPLICABLE EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERIES...
DOESN'T FIT ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE HOODS WE KNOW! I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS GALLERY A DOZEN TIMES!
MUST BE SOME NEW GUY! CALL CITY HALL FOR EXTRA MEN!
BUT SAM TAGGERT'S TALENT FOR THIS NEW WAY OF LIFE WAS PHENOMENAL! FINALLY...
NINETY-EIGHT...NINETY-NINE...FIVE THOUSAND... I'D BE A SUCKER TO QUIT NOW--I'D BE AN EVEN BIGGER SUCKER TO GIVE THE DOUGH TO DAN--WHAT DID THAT PARASITE EVER DO FOR ME?
3

I'LL HAVE THE USUAL, JIM--SAY, HOW COME ALL THE COPS ARE AROUND HERE?
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? THEY'VE BEEN DRAGGIN' THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE GUY WHO'S BEEN PULLIN' ALL THOSE ROBBERIES!

IN A COLD SWEAT SAM REACHED HIS FLAT...




Dear Sam,
I'm shipping with the 5 G's. I'd rather take my chances with it than with the operation. I know there's more where it came from so you won't miss it.
Dan.

ALL THE TENSION SAM HAD BEEN UNDER ALL THESE WEEKS FINALLY TOLD AS HE SNAPPED...

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WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
YOU KNOW WHERE I GOT IT! I THOUGHT I WANTED TO HELP MY BROTHER, BUT NOW I KNOW IT WAS WRONG TO DO IT THIS WAY, NOW HE'S A CRIMINAL TOO!
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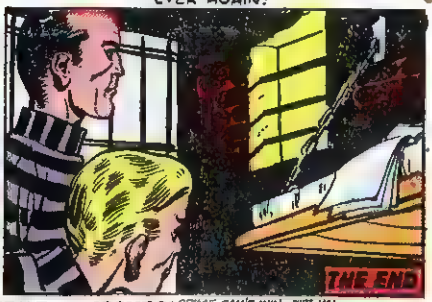

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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you *can* and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities—intelligence, character, dignity—all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimple and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

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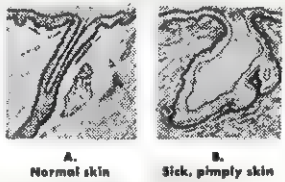
MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources -one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. **Normal skin** — **B.** **Sick, pimply skin**

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

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PERILOUS PATROL

IT was midnight when Leslie Burke, junior patrolman, Australian Mounted Police, cautiously dressed and slipped furtively from his quarters.

Patrolman Burke was deserting his post.

He had seen the order on Sergeant Carruthers' desk recalling him to headquarters for disciplinary action. And he knew why: Not more than a day past he had been made out an absolute idiot when he had received and helped outfit for a trek across Australia's treacherous northern wilderness one Byron Miller, who turned out to be an escaped convict. That the senior patrolman was gone, or that no information on Miller had been sent to their lonely outpost, would in no way, Burke was sure, extenuate the circumstance of his idiocy to the martinet-minded inspector. So there was nothing to do but take unofficial leave and find Byron Miller.

Tutu, one of the native abo trackers attached to the post, roused quickly and quietly when Burke's hand touched his shoulder. Like Burke, Tutu was an apprentice to his profession, burning with ambition, and if the mountie wanted to start a man hunt in the middle of the night, he was ready.

Dawn found them well away from the post. The young patrolman was pushing hard; other patrols were seeking the escapee and soon a new one would be added, searching this time for a deserter. It was a case of catching Miller before he himself was caught.

"Tutu fella savvy cover up him track?" Burke asked. The tracker grinned, delighted to show off his ability. "This fella bin savvy plenty."

Thereafter they moved more slowly, but the trail they left was so slight it would slow up pursuit many times more. Satisfied he had gained the time he needed, Burke sent Tutu to search for Miller's trail. The tracker cast about in great circles, came back at last and said, "One, two, bushmen fella run 'way longa Miller. Go west."

"All right."

Burke motioned Tutu ahead and fell in behind him. The two bushmen complicated matters a little. Alone, Miller's trail would have been as plain as a concrete highway to the abo tracker; but with native cunning to aid him, he would leave little sign. It was a neatly planned getaway and must even have counted on the gullibility of the junior patrolman. Burke ground his teeth at the thought. His pride rankled and he renewed his determination to bring back Miller one way or another. Even the probable consequences of his own folly faded before the anger that rose to envelop his being and center on the person of Miller.

Plodding along, Burke half-regretted not bringing horses, but if he had calculated Miller's route correctly, the animals would have been a liability. The convict would try for Charlotte River, across three hundred miles of desolate wasteland where water holes were rare and jealously guarded by tribesmen who might fancy a lone patrolman and his native aide as a target for their spears.

Through the next day, and the next and the next until a week had passed, Leslie Burke plunged on. The green vegetation dwindled to non-existence, replaced by rock and brick-hard earth. Miller was covering his trail now, moving more slowly, and Burke's hopes took a leap upward. It was a brief buoyancy; topping a rise he chanced to look back and saw a tiny dot against the horizon, swinging about like a hound dog on the scent. Sergeant Carruthers' tracker, almost at his heels!

He dropped quickly into the next gully and called Tutu back. The abo came and squatted while Burke did some rapid and desperate planning. Finally he said, "Tutu, what name the water hole to Charlotte river?"

Tutu picked up a twig and traced a half-moon line in the hard ground. He marked it with

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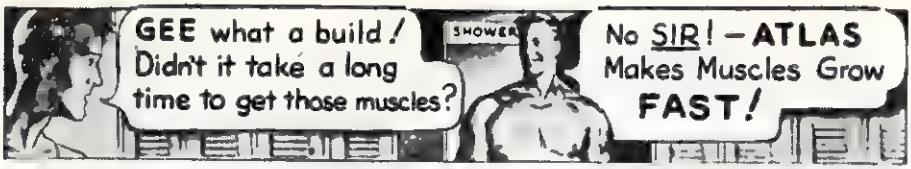

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crosses to indicate the water holes. Inside the half moon he made another cross. There he held the twig steady. "Maybe Miller makum run 'way longa them line. Good water every two-three camp." He wiggled the stick. "Wallaby fella water hole this place. No more long time anywhere."

"Uh-huh." Burke considered the crude map and thoughtfully drew a line from his own position to bisect the route Miller might take. He drew another line to the Wallaby water hole. After that he issued some instructions to Tutu and the tracker bounded off.

Burke himself went off down the gully at a dogtrot, head low and keeping to the rocky ground. The next few days were a nightmare. The heat seemed to never let up, even at night. During the day the sky was a piece of glowing brass. The sun danced and swam in a sea of fire until it became a dozen flaming torches burning against his eyelids. His water ran out and Burke prayed for a breeze, but when it came it was hot wind that wiped the moisture from his skin like a sponge. Only his anger at Miller drove him on.

Spinifex and kangaroo grass at last marked the Wallaby water hole. Burke stumbled to the spring, drank sparingly, then plunged his face and arms into the water. Refreshed, he rose . . . to face a half circle of threatening Wallaby spears. He stood very still, forcing a calm he did not feel, while his eyes roved the hostile faces until they picked out the chief. Then he walked slowly towards him until the headman's spear almost touched his chest. "What name this fella war spear?" he demanded angrily. Under his tone the spear wavered, dropped a little. The chief answered in dialect with a question of his own.

"What brings the police to Wallaby water hole?"

In dialect, Burke replied, "I have come to arrest an escaped prisoner."

"You lie!" hissed the chief. He raised his spear again. "There is no outlander here but yourself."

"He will come. One day, maybe two days. I will wait." With a disdainful gesture, put his heart in his throat, he swept the spear to one side, shouldered past the chief and sat down in the shade of a tall bush. The very audacity of the action brought a partial victory, for at a word from the chief, the bushmen lowered their spears. But they squatted down in a tight circle around Burke, and he knew that if he had figured wrong and Miller did *not* show up . . . well, headquarters could wipe one junior patrolman from their rolls.

Miller came, late that evening, half dead from thirst and glad for capture if only he could get water. The Wallaby chief spoke to Burke and there was awe in his voice. "This policeman make talk."

"Police ears are very big," returned Burke. "They have heard Wallaby war talk and even now police headman comes on trail of this patrolman to know why."

It seemed later to Burke that Sergeant Carruthers must have been waiting for those words, the way he burst into camp on the tail of the last sentence, leading a heavy patrol. There was a sudden scramble among the Wallabys as their spears hit the ground.

Burke saluted stiffly and made his report.

"Just so." The sergeant was stern and uncompromising. "You nipped a tribal war in the bud and got your man. Not bad. But it was a long chance, counting on Miller to make this water hole."

"It wasn't a chance, sir," Burke was nettled at the lack of recognition. "I couldn't catch Miller before you got up to me, so I sent Tutu to cut his trail ahead and foul the water holes. It would take two days for them to clear and Miller couldn't dally. He had to come here. Tutu should be along soon, too."

"Just so," repeated his superior. "Of course, you'll still have to report to headquarters." Then, seeing the drop in Burke's countenance, the sergeant relented. "The inspector makes all promotions himself, y'know."

Burke caught himself just in time to smother a grin. That wouldn't be regulation, he reminded himself severely, but for no reason at all he saluted briskly. The sergeant gravely returned it, but this time it was *he* who had to turn his head to hide a smile.

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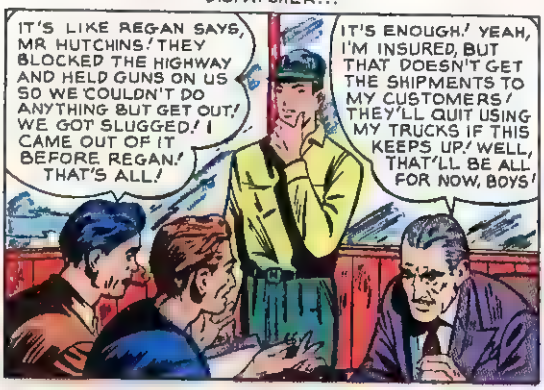
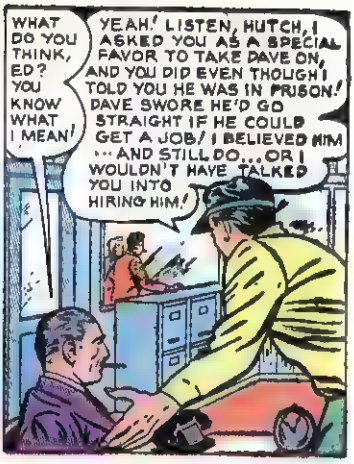
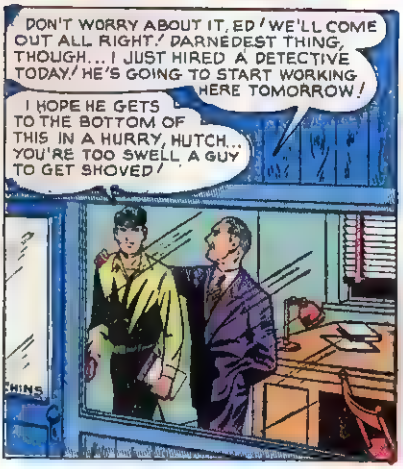
THE MITCHELL GANG PREYED ON THE BIG TRUCKS THAT RIDE THE WEST COAST HIGHWAYS BY NIGHT! THE HUTCHINS TRANSPORT COMPANY WAS THE VICTIM FOR THE THIRD TIME IN A MONTH.. AND EACH TIME THERE WAS A VALUABLE SHIPMENT ABOARD! THIS TIME IT WAS FURS! HOW DID TONY MITCHELL KNOW WHEN TO HIJACK THOSE TRUCKS? FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT, AND YOU'LL FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE CASE OF "THE LONG RIDE!"

WHAT'D YOU HAVE TO SLUG ME SO HARD FOR, WISE GUY?
HAD TO MAKE IT CONVINCING, DIDN'T I, PAL?
YOU SAID THIS SHIPMENT IS WORTH 45 GRAND, REGAN! HERE'S YOUR FIVE PERCENT... TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUCKS! THAT OUGHT TO MAKE YOUR HEAD FEEL BETTER!

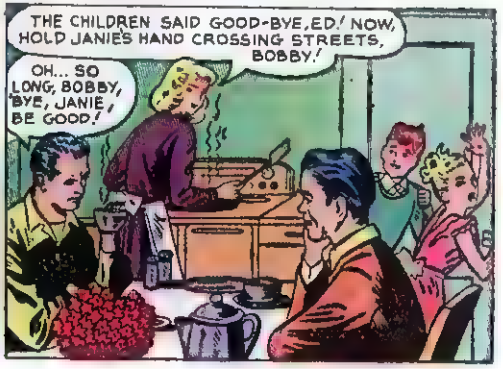
AN HOUR LATER THEY WERE BACK AT THE TRUCK TERMINAL TELLING JOE HUTCHINS ALL ABOUT IT. DAVE REGAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, ED HINES, WAS THERE. ED WAS A CHIEF DISPATCHER...


IT'S LIKE REGAN SAYS, MR HUTCHINS! THEY BLOCKED THE HIGHWAY AND HELD GUNS ON US SO WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT GET OUT! WE GOT SLUGGED! I CAME OUT OF IT BEFORE REGAN! THAT'S ALL!
IT'S ENOUGH! YEAH, I'M INSURED, BUT THAT DOESN'T GET THE SHIPMENTS TO MY CUSTOMERS! THEY'LL QUIT USING MY TRUCKS IF THIS KEEPS UP! WELL, THAT'LL BE ALL FOR NOW, BOYS!

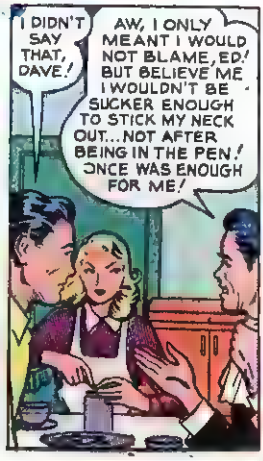

WHAT DO YOU THINK, ED? YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!
YEAH! LISTEN, HUTCH, I ASKED YOU AS A SPECIAL FAVOR TO TAKE DAVE ON, AND YOU DID EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU HE WAS IN PRISON! DAVE SWORE HE'D GO STRAIGHT IF HE COULD GET A JOB! I BELIEVED HIM ... AND STILL DO... OR I WOULDN'T HAVE TALKED YOU INTO HIRING HIM!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, ED! WE'LL COME OUT ALL RIGHT! DARNEDEST THING, THOUGH... I JUST HIRED A DETECTIVE TODAY! HE'S GOING TO START WORKING HERE TOMORROW!
I HOPE HE GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS IN A HURRY, HUTCH... YOU'RE TOO SWELL A GUY TO GET SHOVED!

ED HINES WAS GOOD TO DAVE .. SURE IT WAS ALL FOR HIS WIFE, IRENE'S SAKE! SHE WAS DAVE REGAN'S SISTER! THEY MADE ROOM FOR THE CON WHEN HE CAME OUT OF PRISON! WELL, IT WAS THE MORNING AFTER THE HIJACKING...



DO, STOP MOPING, ED! AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS THERE! IT ISN'T AS THOUGH YOU WERE IN ON THE ROBBERY...
NO, BUT MAYBE HE THINKS I HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!

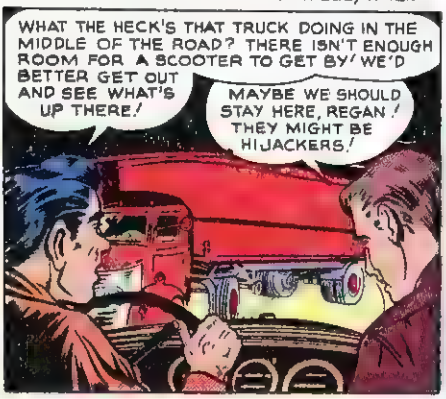

I DIDN'T SAY THAT, DAVE!
AW, I ONLY MEANT I WOULD NOT BLAME, ED! BUT BELIEVE ME I WOULDN'T BE SUCKER ENOUGH TO STICK MY NECK OUT... NOT AFTER BEING IN THE PEN! ONCE WAS ENOUGH FOR ME!

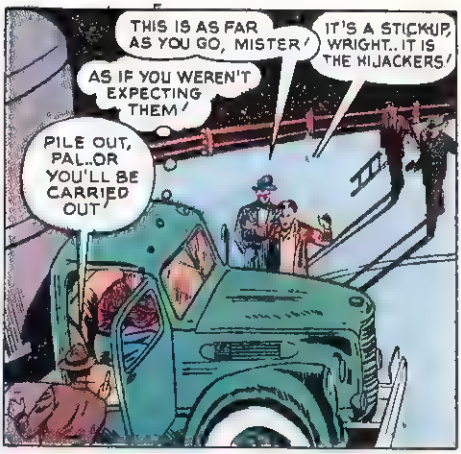
ED DOESN'T THINK ANY-THING OF THE SORT! BUT WE WEREN'T TO MEN-TION THE PAST AGAIN!
IT'S NOT YOU, DAVIE! I-I GUESS I JUST FEEL BAD FOR HUTCH/HE'S SO DARN GOOD TO THE MEN THAT WORK FOR HIM! I HATE TO THINK ONE OF THEM IS RAT ENOUGH TO... HURT HIM!

LATE ONE AFTERNOON A WEEK LATER, ED HINES WAS CALLED INTO JOE HUTCHINS' OFFICE...
YOU CAN TALK IN FRONT OF ED HINES, LIEUTENANT! ED, THIS IS LIEUTENANT WRIGHT, THE DETECTIVE I TOLD YOU IS WORKING HERE!
I'LL COME RIGHT TO THE POINT, MR. HINES! I'VE PLANNED A TRAP FOR THE HIJACKERS... BUT THAT WON'T NECESSARILY REVEAL THE MAN IN THIS COMPANY WHO HAS BEEN TIPPING THEM OFF!
YES, I SEE. WHERE SUCH A MAN COULD WORK WITH ANY GANG TO PULL THE SAME STUNT! TO BE SURE OF STOPPING THE HIJACKING WE'D HAVE TO CATCH THE TIP-OFF MAN! BUT HOW?
ALL I CAN SUGGEST IS TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! HE'D HAVE TO KNOW BEFOREHAND WHEN A VALUABLE SHIPMENT WAS GOING OUT... PERHAPS HE GETS HIS INFORMATION FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT... FROM A BILL OF LADING, POSSIBLY! JUST BE ON THE LOOK OUT!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
WHAT THE...
WELL, WHAT ABOUT THAT DATE YOU PROMISED ME, PAT?
I'M DATED SOLID FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, DAVE... NEXT WEEK, MAYBE!
UH HOW ABOUT NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT?
ALL RIGHT, DAVE... IT'S A DATE!
I DON'T LIKE WHAT DAVE IS DOING IN THERE... IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS ASKING THAT GIRL FOR A DATE JUST AS AN EXCUSE FOR BEING IN THE OFFICE... HE SEEMED A LITTLE TOO INTERESTED IN THE PAPERS ON HER DESK!
HELLO, MITCH? LISTEN TRUCKLOAD OF TIRES, THEY'RE 28 GRAND ACCORDING TO THE BILL... UH HUH... ROUTE 6, RIGHT! YEAH, I'LL BE DRIVING... USUAL DEAL..
NICE GOING, DAVE! THAT'S THE THANKS I GET FOR ALL THE HELP I'VE GIVEN YOU! I GUESS THERE'S NO REFORMING A RAT!
WHAT... I... OH, SO YOU'VE BEEN SNEAKING AROUND SPYING ON ME, ED! WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT, YOU WANT YOUR CUT?

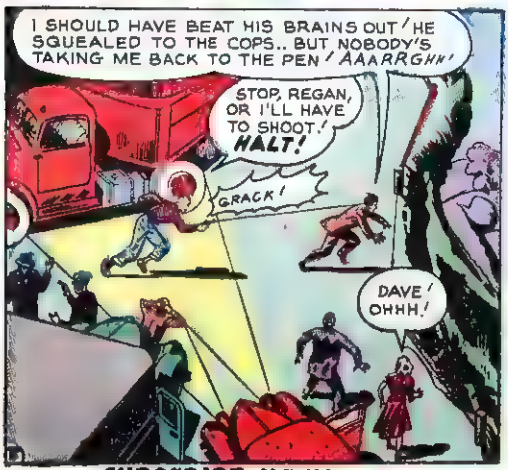
I OUGHT TO KNOCK YOUR HEAD OFF FOR EVEN SUGGESTING IT! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I WANT... GET OUT OF HERE, DAVE! GET AS FAR AWAY FROM IRENE AND ME AS YOU CAN! DON'T EVER LET ME LAY EYES ON YOU AGAIN, OR
OR WHAT? YOU WON'T TURN ME IN 'CAUSE YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HURT MY SISTER! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY! I'VE GOT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU'VE GOT IT FIGURED, DAVE! WELL, YOU'RE COCKEYED WRONG! I'M GOING IN TO SEE JOE HUTCHINS RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE, EH, ED? OKAY
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ANYBODY ANYTHING EVER AGAIN!
OOOH,
YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER TIME, ED... NOBODY'LL BE IN HERE FOR ANOTHER HALF HOUR! TONY MITCHELL WILL KNOW HOW TO GET RID OF YOU FOR GOOD! GOT TO DITCH THESE TIRES IN A HURRY...
THE FACT THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO DESTROY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW DIDN'T SPOIL DAVE REGAN'S APPETITE! HE WENT OUT FOR DINNER WHILE THE TRUCK HE WAS TO DRIVE WAS BEING LOADED!
OHHHH... OOOHHH...
HOLD IT! SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE! SOMEBODY'S IN THIS CRATE!
HUTCHINS
OHHH... YOU CAN'T... DO IT... DAVE..
EASY, ED! HELP ME LIFT HIM INTO THE INFIRMARY, LIEUTENANT!
I DON'T WANT A WORD OUT OF YOU WORKMEN ABOUT THIS! KEEP MUM, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO TRAP A RAT!
YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, MR HINES, NOT A SIGN OF A FRACTURE! TAKE MY ADVICE... GO TO BED FOR A REST!
NOT A CHANCE, HUTCH! I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR DAVE AND WHAT HE'S DONE! I WANT TO SEE HIM GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!
VERY WELL, HINES! I UNDERSTAND! MR. WRIGHT WILL EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING TO BE DONE...

AN HOUR LATER THE BIG TRAILER TRUCK WAS READY TO ROLL / DAVE REGAN AT THE WHEEL HAD GONE ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MILES, WHEN

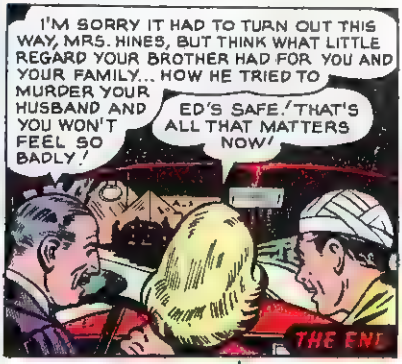

WHAT THE HECK'S THAT TRUCK DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD? THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR A SCOOTER TO GET BY/ WE'D BETTER GET OUT AND SEE WHAT'S UP THERE!
MAYBE WE SHOULD STAY HERE, REGAN! THEY MIGHT BE HIJACKERS!


THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO, MISTER!
IT'S A STICKUP, WRIGHT.. IT IS THE HIJACKERS!
AS IF YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING THEM!
PILE OUT, PAL..OR YOU'LL BE CARRIED OUT!

THAT'S IT, PUNKS! GET 'EM UP.. WAY UP!
WHEW, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU POLICE HERE! NO TELLING WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ME IF ED / HOW. ?
THE JIG IS UP, REGAN! YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER, EH? YOU DARNED NEAR DID, TOO!


I SHOULD HAVE BEAT HIS BRAINS OUT! HE SQUEALED TO THE COPS.. BUT NOBODY'S TAKING ME BACK TO THE PEN! AAARRGH!
STOP, REGAN, OR I'LL HAVE TO SHOOT! HALT!
CRACK!
DAVE! OHHH!

SO WITH DAVE REGAN'S VICIOUS CAREER ENDED ON THE ROCKS A HUNDRED FEET BELOW THE HIGHWAY, AND THE GANG CAPTURED, THE HIJACKERS' MENACE WAS ENDED . .


I'M SORRY IT HAD TO TURN OUT THIS WAY, MRS. HINES, BUT THINK WHAT LITTLE REGARD YOUR BROTHER HAD FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY... HOW HE TRIED TO MURDER YOUR HUSBAND AND YOU WON'T FEEL SO BADLY!
ED'S SAFE.' THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS NOW!
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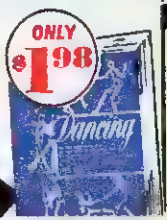

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LA VIA STRESSA IN MILAN IS A STREET OF POOR, HARD WORKING FOLK WHO HAVE LITTLE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR BEYOND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ALIVE.. FOR ITALY, RISING OUT OF THE HAVOC OF WAR, STILL BEARS THE SCARS OF BATTLE...
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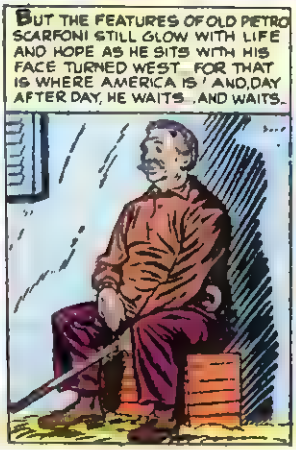
BUT THE FEATURES OF OLD PIETRO SCARFONI STILL GLOW WITH LIFE AND HOPE AS HE SITS WITH HIS FACE TURNED WEST.. FOR THAT IS WHERE AMERICA IS! AND, DAY AFTER DAY, HE WAITS.. AND WAITS..

BUON GIORNO, PIETRO! HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?
AH, RAFAELO! I FEEL FINE, GRACIA! I FEEL VERY GOOD.. AS LONG AS I CAN STILL WAIT LIKE THIS!
THIS IS THE SCENE TODAY... BUT FOUR YEARS AGO...

FOUR YEARS AGO, ALL OF PIETRO'S FRIENDS KNEW WHEN HE HEARD FROM HIS SON IN AMERICA WHO HAD LEFT HOME THIRTY YEARS AGO AT 16 TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE. NOW, IN AUGUST, 1946 CAME THE BIGGEST NEWS...
READ THAT LAST PART AGAIN, ANGELO!
"NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER, I CAN COME TO LIVE WITH YOU, PAPA! I HOPE YOU'LL BE AS HAPPY TO SEE ME AS I WILL BE TO SEE YOU!" AH, PIETRO! IF HE ONLY KNEW! YOU NEVER LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU
...ENOUGH! THIS IS NO TIME FOR SADNESS! MY BOY IS COMING HOME AT LAST! HE'LL BE HOME HERE TODAY!
WE'LL KEEP WATCH FOR HIM, PIETRO! HE SHOULD BE HERE SOON!
JUST THINK! THIRTY YEARS! I WONDER WHAT LUIGI IS LIKE NOW!
THIS IS WHAT LUIGI WAS LIKE...AS LOU SCAFFLES HE HAD BECOME PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 3, GANG-LORD OF DETROIT, A VICIOUS HOODLUM WHOSE ONLY DECENT VIRTUE WAS THAT HE NEVER LET HIS FATHER KNOW WHAT HE WAS REALLY DOING IN AMERICA ALL THOSE YEARS!
HERE'S WHERE WE PART COMPANY, LOU!
FIFTEEN OF THOSE THIRTY YEARS HAD BEEN SPENT IN ALCATRAZ! NOW HE WAS DEPORTED TO ITALY!
I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON! SEE IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN! THOSE POOR PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE OF THEIR OWN! WE'RE GIVING YOU EVERY BREAK! NOBODY EXCEPT THE POLICE KNOWS OF YOUR RECORD OR WHY YOU'RE REALLY HERE! THE REST IS UP TO YOU!
YEAH! YEAH! SO LONG, BUSTER! GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!
LOU HAD NO INTENTION OF GIVING UP! ADDED TO HIS HATRED OF THE LAW WERE TWO THINGS...HIS SCORN FOR WHAT HE CALLED THE HICKS OF ITALY, AND HIS EGO AND CONCEIT THAT MADE HIM STILL THINK HE WAS THE SMARTEST HUMAN THAT EVER MACHINE-GUNNED A GUY IN THE BACK!
IF THEY THINK I'M GONNA BE STOPPED JUST BECAUSE THEY KICKED ME OUT OF THE STATES, THEY'RE NUTS! SCAFFLES AIN'T THROUGH YET!
HEY, TAXI! LA VIA STRESSA!
SI, SIGNOR!
PIETRO! HE'S HERE! LUIGI'S HERE!
MY...MY SON!
STEADY, PIETRO!
CRIPES! WHAT A CRUMMY JOINT! STILL, IT'S BETTER THAN ALCATRAZ!
HELLO, PAPA!
LUIGI! OH, MY BOY! MY BOY! COME HERE! COME TO ME!
AT LAST...AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU'VE COME BACK TO SEE YOUR FATHER! HOW ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU FEEL? TELL ME!
I'M OKAY! ...HEY! WHO'S THIS GUY?
HELLO, LUIGI! I'M RAFAELO! YOU REMEMBER ME...WE WERE KIDS TOGETHER! I'M HERE TO WELCOME YOU BACK!
YES, LUIGI! IT'S RAFAELO! AH, WHAT BOYS YOU WERE! REGULAR DEVILS, BOTH OF YOU!

YEAH... I REMEMBER! SO YOU GREW UP TO BE A COP, EH?
THAT'S RIGHT! COME, FRIENDS! LET'S LEAVE THESE TWO BY THEMSELVES! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR OUTSIDERS!
AH! NOW WE'RE ALONE! LOOK, LUIGI, I'VE PREPARED A FEAST JUST FOR US TWO! SPAGHETTI... WINE! HELP ME, MY BOY... MY EYES ARE WEAK... I'M VERY OLD, YOU KNOW...
MAYBE LATER, PAPA! I'VE GOT TO GO SEE SOME PEOPLE NOW...
BUT... BUT YOU ONLY JUST GOT HERE, LUIGI! I'VE BEEN WAITING SO MANY YEARS!
THEN YOU CAN WAIT A COUPLE OF HOURS LONGER! SEE YOU LATER!
LUIGI!
LEAVING SO SOON, LUIGI?
YEAH! WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
SIMPLY THIS! I KNOW ABOUT YOU... ALL ABOUT YOU! BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AS LONG AS YOU TEND TO BUSINESS! YOUR PAST IS SAFE WITH ME... BUT I WARN YOU, DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD BREAK YOUR FATHERS HEART!
LISTEN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! YOU JUST KEEP THOSE NICE BUTTONS POLISHED!
FROM RAMOND ALLESIO, HIS CELL MATE IN ALCATRAZ, LOU HAD GOTTEN THE ADDRESS OF A GANG OF PETTY CROOKS THAT WERE LOOKING FOR A LEADER...
LOU SCAFFLES! IT'S AN HONOR TO KNOW YOU! ALLESIO SENT WORD YOU WERE COMING!
YEAH... AND I'M READY TO TAKE OVER!
HERE'S THE WAY WE'LL OPERATE... I'LL HANDLE IT JUST LIKE I DID IN DETROIT! THE COPS ARE WISE TO ME HERE AND THEY'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON ME, SO I'LL HAVE TO STAY BEHIND THE SCENES! SO, I'LL PLAN THE JOBS WE'RE GOING TO DO AND TELL YOU HOW TO PULL THEM! WE'LL MEET IN SECRET ONLY WHEN IT'S NECESSARY!
GOOD! GOOD! ANYTHING YOU SAY! AH, THE FAMOUS LOU SCAFFLES IS OUR LEADER! WE CAN'T HELP BUT SUCCEED!
BOY! WHAT A CINCH THAT WAS! THOSE DOPEY HICKS DO ALL THE WORK, AND I COLLECT MOST OF THE GRAVY WITHOUT RISKING MY NECK! THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE TO PLAY IT... SAFE! NOW I'LL GO BACK TO THE OLD MAN'S SPAGHETTI BEFORE HE BUSTS A BLOOD VESSEL!

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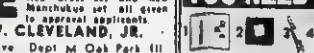

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STAY ON THE CASE, RAFAELO! KEEP WITH IT DAY AND NIGHT!
BUT THIS WAS MORE TO POLICE OFFICER RAFAELO THAN JUST A CASE... THE HAPPINESS AND TRUST OF AN OLD FRIEND WAS AT STAKE, TOO!
PIETRO, TELL ME... DOES LUIGI KNOW ABOUT...
NO! HA! I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FOOL HIM! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING! DON'T YOU THINK I'M CLEVER, RAFAELO?
SI, PIETRO! VERY CLEVER! YOU GET AROUND QUITE WELL!
SHH.. HERE'S LUIGI NOW! I DON'T WANT HIM TO KNOW... NOT YET!
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AH, RAFAELO! SAY, WHY AREN'T YOU OUT TRYING TO CATCH THOSE GUYS PULLING ALL THOSE JOBS?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CRIME WAVE? IT'S GOT AN AMERICAN TOUCH, DON'T YOU THINK? YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF SUCH GANGS IN THE U.S., LUIGI! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I THINK NOTHING! THAT'S FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO WORRY ABOUT!
NOTHING, PIETRO! JUST A JOKE BETWEEN LUIGI AND ME! ADIO, SIGNOR!
EH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S A RIDDLE TO ME!
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE POLICE GOT THEIR FIRST BREAK! ANTONIO MATTOLO, ONE OF THE GANG, WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED AND CAPTURED DURING A HOLDUP!
AT LAST WE'VE GOT ONE OF THEM!
DON'T... DON'T LEAVE ME!
MATTOLO WAS TAKEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND RAFAELO WAS CALLED IN... TO QUESTION HIM...
MATTOLO, WE KNOW THAT LUIGI SCARFONI, WHOM YOU KNOW AS LOU SCAFFLES, IS THE BRAINS BEHIND YOUR GANG! THAT IS SO... ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE CRAZY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
THEN, PERHAPS THIS WILL MAKE SENSE! YOUR SO-CALLED LEADER IS A COWARD! HE MAKES YOU MEN TAKE ALL THE CHANCES AND FACE ALL THE DANGER WHILE HE STAYS HIDDEN! HE'S MADE FOOLS OF ALL OF YOU! YOU CAN PROVE IT FOR YOURSELVES! FORCE HIM TO JOIN YOU IN YOUR NEXT JOB!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
DO YOU THINK IT'LL WORK?
I'M SURE OF IT! EVEN AS A BOY, LUIGI TRIED TO BE THE BIG BRAIN! HE WAS ALWAYS TOO COWARDLY TO TAKE CHANCES HIMSELF! I REMEMBER THAT ABOUT HIM VERY WELL! NOW... IF I CAN ONLY CONVINCE HIS GANG THAT HE'S USED THEM AS TOOLS... LET MATTOLO GO, CAPITANO! THE TRAP HAS BEEN BAITED!
RAFAELO WAS RIGHT! MATTOLO WAS RELEASED AND RUSHED TO REPORT TO THE REST OF THE GANG...
THAT POLICEMAN LIES! THE FAMOUS LOU SCAFFLES IS A COWARD? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
THERE'S ONE WAY TO PROVE RAFAELO'S LYING! LOU MUST LEAD US IN PERSON ON OUR JOB TOMORROW!
THE NEXT DAY...
VINCENZO! YOU FOOL! I TOLD YOU NEVER TO COME HERE! THE POLICE WATCH ME CONSTANTLY!
LOU, YOU'VE GOT TO COME WITH US ON THE STORE HOLDUP TODAY!
LOU... IF YOU DON'T... THE MEN WILL THINK THAT YOU'RE A COWARD... AND THAT YOU MAKE US DO THE DANGEROUS WORK! THEY'LL THINK YOU JUST USE US!
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BUT... I NEVER WENT OUT ON A JOB MYSELF! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE BRAIN!
SO... YOU ARE WHAT THE POLICE SAID! LOU... THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO WITH ONE SUCH AS YOU!
RAFAELO! THIS IS YOUR WORK, YOU DIRTY, CHEAP PUNK! GIMME THAT GUN! I'LL SHOW YOU IF I'M AFRAID OR NOT!
HOLD IT! WE'VE HEARD ALL WE WANT TO HEAR!
THAT'S YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE, LUIGI!
AEEEAH!
BANG!
BANG!
LUIGI! MIO FIGLIO! WHAT HAPPENED? I HEARD A SHOT! LUIGI! LUIGI!
IT'S NOTHING, PIETRO! MY PISTOL WENT OFF BY ACCIDENT!
AH, RAFAELO! WHERE IS LUIGI?
PIETRO, HE'S NOT HERE! HE GOT AN URGENT MESSAGE TO RETURN TO AMERICA ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS, AND HE HAD TO LEAVE AT ONCE! BUT HE SAID HE'LL COME BACK TO YOU SOON... AND FOR YOU TO WAIT FOR HIM!
SO... WELL... HE DIDN'T SEEM TOO HAPPY HERE... MAYBE AMERICA IS BEST FOR HIM!
BUT... I FOOLED HIM, DIDN'T I, RAFAELO? HE NEVER LEARNED THAT HIS OLD FATHER WAS BLIND! IT WOULD HAVE MADE HIM FEEL BAD IF HE KNEW I COULDN'T SEE HIM, EH?
PERHAPS, PIETRO, PERHAPS... NOW, COME TO THE CAFE! I WANT TO BUY YOU A CUP OF COFFEE!
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DID LUIGI SAY WHEN HE WAS COMING BACK?
NO, PIETRO... BUT YOU'RE TO WAIT!
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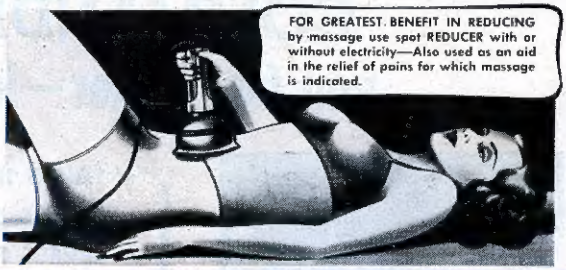

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